Mr. Speaker.—Clauses 1 to 8. The question is :

"That Clauses 1 to 8 both inclusive, and the Preamble stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

"Clauses 1 to 8 both inclusive, and the Preamble were adde l to the Bill."

Motion to pass.

Sri T. Subramanya.—I beg to move :

"That the Mysore Village Panchayat and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1961, be passed."

The motion was adopted.

THE MYSORE NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS BILL, 1960.

Motion to Consider.

Sri K. K. Hegde.— I beg to move :

"That the Mysore Nurses Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, 1960 be taken into consideration."

Mr. Speaker. —Motion moved :

"That the Mysore Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, 1960 be taken into consideration."

†Sri K. K. Hegde.— Sir, this Bill is long overdue. It is an important measure covering thousands of nurses, midwives and visitors in the State. The bill is designed to have uniformity in law throughout the State.

Sri M. C. Narasimhan.—Before the Minister proceeds further, I should state that we are taken by surprise. We did not know this bill would come up for consideration. The agenda papers came to us only this morning and we have not read the Bill.

Mr. Speaker.—The agenda was circulated on Saturday evening. The Minister has moved the Bill for consideration and we might postpone it, if Hon'ble Members so desire.

Motion to postpone consideration.

Sri M. C. Narasimhan.— I beg to move :

"That the consideration of the Mysore Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, 1960, be postponed till this afternoon."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That the consideration of the Mysore Nursus, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, 1960, be postponed till this afternoon."

The motion was adopted.

THE MYSORE SALES TAX (THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961.

The motion to consider.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Sir, I beg to move :

"That the Mysore Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration."

Mr. SPEAKER.— Motion moved :

"That the Mysore Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration."

†Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.— This Bill has been brought in order to plug the loopholes in the collection machinery of the sales tax. Its necessity was felt long and on account of the experience that we could assess from the neighbouring States. I may mention here that in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. There are what is called check posts of sales tax at the border and several vehicles that come in and go out are being inspected and with a view to seeing whether the goods liable for sales tax are being properly accounted for and assessed. There has been evasion of sales tax while goods are being transported from State to State and it has been felt necessary that the provisions authorising the Government to establish check posts at the border spots of the surrounding States are to be established.

An HON'BLE MEMBER.— What about railways ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—So, with a view to enabling the Government to establish those check posts at the border spots and to staff them with the necessary staff and allow them or authorise them or cloth them with the authority to inspect the goods that are in transit and see whether they have been properly assessed or whether there is sufficient indication in the Bill or in the log book and in the invoices that the driver or the career may carry in order to enable the assessing authorities to verify whether the goods in transit have been subjected to levy of taxation in either of the States. This Bill has therefore been brought before this House. It is a small Bill which enables the officer of the sales tax or other officers empowered by the Government to halt the vehicles while in transit when they enter the State or go out of it and inspect the goods in the lorries or other receptacles and see whether the provisions of this Bill have been acted upon and if there is evasion of tax, then penalise them by confiscation of goods or other penalties provided in sub-clause (5) of Clause 28.